

FARMERS' PAGE A Regular Weekly Feature for the Farmers of Anderson and adjoining Counties. Contributions for this page gladly received.

THE FARMER AND WAR In the Path of Armies the Producer Becomes Helpless By DAVID STARR JORDAN

Dr. David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University is a friend of all nations. He knows them. He is a student of history and an advocate of peace...

The soldier and the farmer, the two cannot occupy the same lands. The soldier stands for might and violence. The farmer needs justice and security.

On the top of all this comes the burden of the costliest and most horrible war that was ever fought. Even to the farmer who lives away from the battle line the burden is crushing.

And, indeed, at a time like this all of us need the guidance such minds as Doctor Jordan's can give. You will also be interested in Doctor Jordan's latest book, "War's Aftermath," published by Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston.

Think of Farming at Night! The streets paved with rough stone, edges upward, were just wide enough to let a camel or a cart drawn by a buffalo pass.

The Bulgarian farmer said to him: "Why don't you stay in Macedonia? We went there to set you free. Now you come here to crowd our houses, to take our jobs, to die in our beds."

The two demands of the farmer on his government are security and justice. In war both are taken from him. If one will start out on the road in any direction from anywhere in the United States, let us say, for example, from Springfield, Ohio, he will find ample evidence that the farmer has security.

And the farming was not very good. The ground was barely scratched by the plow. The fields of wheat and rye and Indian corn would look stunted and shabby in Ohio.

Why Food is Cheap in England. The farmer of America gains nothing through the losses of the farmers of Europe. We are all in the same boat, and whatever harms the prosperity of one part of the world injures us all.

Under the flag where hatred dies away the farmer feels absolutely certain in care for his crops in security and in the evening of the day or the life time to be able to toast his toes by the fireside in perfect serenity.

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Here is the work for the statesman. It is his part to see that history does not repeat itself, that the old blunders and crimes shall not blot the future. And never had Europe more need of a statesman than today.

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three years had its source in the recklessness of Europe. Our congress and our president had no part whatsoever in creating it. It is part of the uncertainty of all business, in the face of the crimes and the horrors which have actually come.

Security is Essential to Prosperity. What the farmer wants, what every good citizen most wants, is security. The "armed peace," the truce among half-bankrupt nations armed to the teeth, is not peace. It is not security.

The Balance of Power, another form of the same Great Illusion, now breaking up in measureless disaster, has failed over and over before. Each trial and each failure is more terrifying.

All Europe is today under martial law. Martial law is the law of war. It is the paralysis of all civil law. In war all laws are silent.

There can be no abiding civilization without security of property and life. There can be no abiding peace save in democracy. There can be no security in democracy while absolutism is its neighbor.

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Commercial and Financial

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Numerous favorable developments impacted greater cheerfulness to the general financial situation today.

Decline in some obscure bonds were again severe, ranging from 2 1/2 to almost 6 points. The more substantial advances included Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway 4s and 5s.

There was an increased inquiry for almost all classes of short term notes. The \$5,000,000 Swedish government loan taken by a financial syndicate promised success.

Money for the short dates was obtainable at lower rates and call loans went down to 3 1/2 per cent. The local flow of money indicated that clearing house institutions have lost a considerable sum to the sub-treasury.

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LIVERPOOL COTTON. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3.—Cotton, spot moderate business; prices steady. American middling fair 5.37; good middling 4.69; middling 4.40; low middling 3.94; good ordinary 3.24.

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COTTON SEED OIL. NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Cotton seed oil advanced 9 to 14 points early on lighter offerings of crude, scattered local buying on the firmness in hard and supporting orders from the south.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—In response to a general demand by members and their clients, the stock exchange authorities today published two lists of stock prices, the first as of one o'clock and the other after the close.

Beginning tomorrow the exchange will publish one list embodying those various quotations after the close of business. This list will be carried on all the stock tickers controlled by the exchange.

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Corn, No. 2 yellow, new G3 3-4 @ 44 1/2. Catz, standard, 48 1-2 @ 49.

NEED HAVE NO FEARS OF DREAD EPIDEMIC. Foot-and-mouth disease is very unlikely to reach State, says Veterinarian.

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